



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 1 – House Fire – 1800 Block of West Riverview Street**

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Dispatch Time – 2030  
On Scene Time – 2034  
Fire Under Control – 2055

A family of nine was displaced after a fire started in the enclosed carport area next to the washer and dryer. Seven units and 21 firefighters responded. When they arrived on-scene the carport was completely engulfed, and smoke and flames were coming from under the roof. Crews entered the home to find a light haze of smoke inside, an alarm sounding and everyone safely evacuated to the exterior. Ceiling was pulled and flames were located in the ceiling space. The fire was extinguished from the unburned side. The entire carport and a large portion of the roof were destroyed. There was also a significant amount of smoke damage to the inside of the living area. No injuries occurred.

Red Cross is assisting with food, clothing and shelter.  
Damage estimate - \$50,000.  
Cause – Undetermined  
Origin – Enclosed carport storage/laundry room

Safety message: The important thing to remember is to have a working smoke detector and an escape plan. Two of the three house fires we responded to this week had working smoke detectors sounding when crews entered. The two homes with sounding alarms provided occupants an opportunity to escape without injury. The fire with no audible alarm sounding resulted in the death of a young man.